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SUBJ: U.S. REBUTTAL ON REPORT OF SEEDING OF HURRICANE FIFI

REF: STATE 167180

1. AT LEAST ONE MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER (CENTER-LEFT, EL SOL) CARRIED DENIAL OF NOAA ASSOCIATED ADMINISTRATOR EPSTEIN RE SEEDING OF HURRICANE FIFI. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT ALSO CARRIED SUPPORTIVE COMMENTS BY SILVINO AGUILAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MEXICAN METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, TO EFFECT THAT HE "CATEGORICALLY DENIED SPECULATION CONCERNING THE SUPPOSED DIVERSION OF HURRICANES BY THE UNITED STATES".

2. CAPTAIN AGUILAR FURTHER COMMENTED THAT "IT IS POSSIBLE TO ALTER THEIR COURSE DURING THE PROCESS OF FORMATION, BUT NEVER WHEN THEY ALREADY ARE TROPICAL STORMS".

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT VIGOROUS DENIAL BY ADMINISTRATOR EPSTEIN, SUPPORTED BY CAPTAIN AGUILAR, WILL HELP DISPEL CHARGES BROUGHT BY VIVO. UNFORTUNATELY, MANNER IN WHICH VIVO'S CHARGES WERE CARRIED BY PRESS HAS TENDED TO ESTABLISH THEIR CREDIBILITY IN MINDS OF MOST MEXICAN READERS WHO MAY NOT HAVE READ EPSTEIN'S REBUTTAL. IN
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ANY EVENT, VIVO IS OBVIOUSLY POORLY INFORMED AND,

ON BASIS OF PRESENT AND PAST EFFORTS (U.S. CUPLABILITY
FOR DROUGHTS IN NORTHERN MEXICO), APPEARS TO
BE ENAMORED WITH SEEING HIS NAME IN PRINT IN CONNECTION
WITH SENSATIONAL ALLEGATIONS RE U.S. WEATHER CONTROL.
UNFORTUNATELY, HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS
TO DISCREDIT U.S. METEOROLOGICAL AGENCIES.
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